

**State of Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council  
State Plan Work Group  
Wednesday, March 30, 2011  
1740 West Adams, Conference Room 204, Phoenix**

**REVISED DISCUSSION NOTES**

**Welcome and Introduction of Participating Members**

Executive Director Larry Clausen convened the workgroup, including those in the conference room and those participating via phone.

**Review of Workgroup Notes**

The notes from the March 15 State Plan Work Group meeting were reviewed. There were no changes.

**Review of the Logic Model**

There are instructions for developing a logic model in the ITACC State Plan Development Resource. There was concern about the complexity of the instructions. Steve Gaarder will send members a user-friendly description of a logic model. The Work Group will work on the logic model after the goals and objectives are completed.

**Continue Building State Plan Goals/Objectives Based on Data**

Today, the group focused on Goal 2 related to self-advocacy. Work Group members compared the goal on self-advocacy that was drafted at the last Work Group meeting to the advocacy goal that was drafted after the ADD Summit on self-advocacy, with the intent to create one goal on self-advocacy for inclusion in the State Plan. The two drafts were already in close alignment. Following is a summary of the discussion:

- Both drafts envision the creation of a coalition of advocacy groups.
- It was clarified that this means *self-advocacy* groups.
- It was clarified that this includes groups that focus on any or all of the *developmental disabilities* as defined in the Developmental Disabilities Act, not only those eligible for services from the State Division of Developmental Disabilities. It was noted that the language used and the action proposed in the State Plan needs to be inclusive of all such groups.
- The goal is inclusive of groups focused on persons of all ages, including youth and older adults.
- There was discussion about whether to pilot the coalition in Year 1 and, if so, where. The decision was made to pilot it in one urban area (Maricopa County) and one rural area (possibly Mohave County or Navajo/Apache Counties). Those groups with a statewide presence could be included in the pilot. The pilot would be expanded to other areas in subsequent years. It was noted that one approach might be to start where there are strong organizations already; alternatively, the coalition might start in areas where there are few self-advocacy organizations in order to stimulate their development.
- It was clarified that existing organizations would be invited to join the coalition; this is not just about creating new ones, although new ones may be created, especially in areas where they do

not exist. The coalition would acknowledge the good work that has been done and build on it. Existing organizations would be strengthened via participation in the coalition.

- There was a question about blended self-advocacy and family-advocacy organizations. Criteria would need to be developed but there was agreement that those advocacy organizations that are supportive of self-advocates should be included.
- The priorities of the coalition would include: 1) leadership development, 2) recruitment of new self-advocates, 3) development of a solid infrastructure for the coalition and a plan for its sustainability (including the engagement of non-traditional community partners).
- It was noted that self-advocacy is embedded in the work of the DDPC. The Council would provide technical assistance to the coalition on topics such as creation of its infrastructure as a nonprofit organization (501(c)3) and sustainability.
- It was noted that this coalition should not duplicate the work of other advocacy coalitions such as AzDAC; rather, members would work with other cross-disability coalitions that share a common purpose and values.
- It was noted that self-advocates need a source of information and education specific to developmental disabilities. They might also need technical assistance about how to affect public policy. The coalition envisioned in this goal would support its members with information and technical assistance of this sort and would enhance their ability to participate in cross-disability groups that have a broader perspective.
- As noted above, the coalition might need technical assistance on topics such as infrastructure development, sustainability, and public policy development. In addition, they might need technical assistance on legal issues, self-advocacy, partnering, grant writing and other forms of resource development, how to research issues, etc.
- The importance of addressing the issue of aging with a developmental disability was noted, but there was agreement that it fits better under Goal 3 than under Goal 2.
- Implementation activities for the self-advocacy goal will include most of those listed by the State Plan Work Group at the March 15 meeting, specifically:
  - Identify and learn about existing self-advocacy groups.
  - Engage self-advocates in initial efforts related to community integrated employment.
  - Provide seed funding and assist those receiving grants to identify and procure other funding.
  - Identify training and technical assistance needs and provide and/or link to resources to meet these needs. (It was noted that the coalition may fund these.)

B. J. Tatro will put the three goals that have been drafted to-date in the State Plan format for review at the next meeting.

### **Metrics – Incorporating into Goals/Objectives**

Steve Gaarder will assist the group with this task after the goals and objectives are completed. There was an Employment Data Sources Overview included in the packet for today's meeting

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at DDPC. At that time, the State Plan Work Group will decide on whether to write a fourth goal on inclusion (see March 15 notes) and will review and finalize the other three goals (on employment, advocacy, and information).